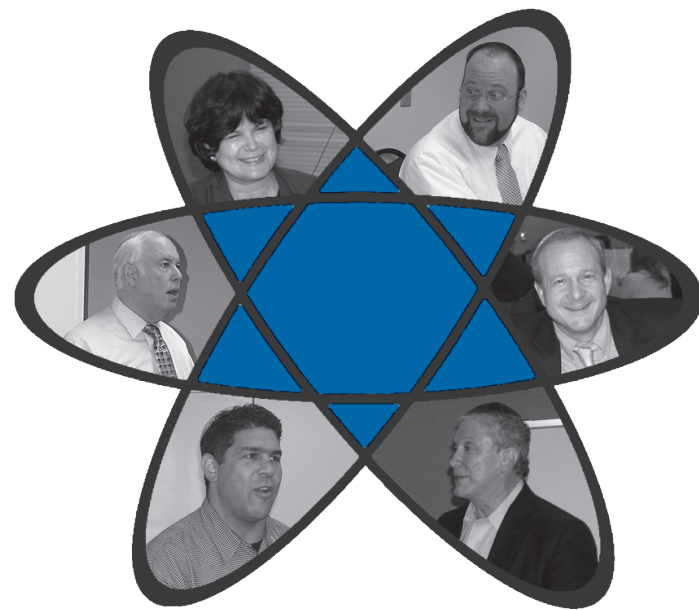
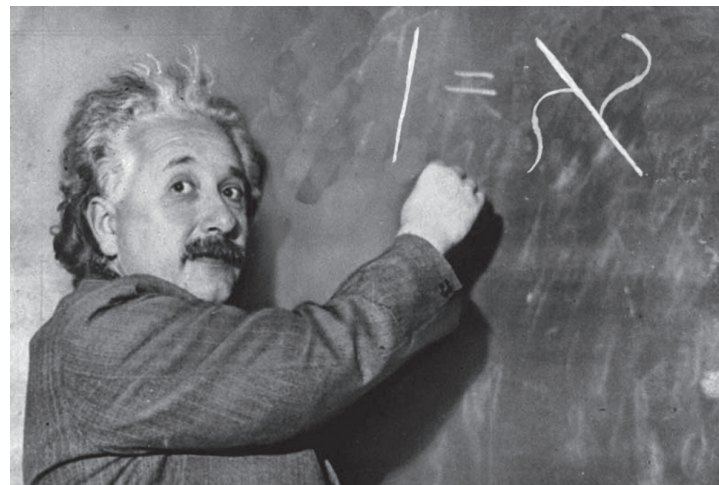


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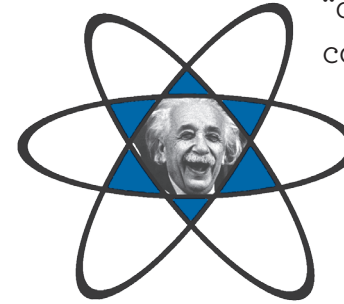


Sunday, August 28, 2011
8:45 am-2:45 pm
Jewish Community Campus

5801 West 115th Street
Overland Park, Kansas
www.kcrabbis.org

About DAY of DISCOVERY

The Day of Discovery is a unique opportunity for adults to discover the richness and the diversity of Jewish learning available in Kansas City. Participants learn, study and “discover” with some of the community’s finest Jewish educators, rabbis and cantors, who lead sessions on a wide range of topics.



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DAY of DISCOVERY Schedule

8:45-9:30 am Continental Breakfast &
Registration
9:30-10:45 am Session I
11:00 am-12:15 pm Session II
12:15-1:00 pm Lunch
1:00-2:15 pm Session III
2:15-2:45 pm Dessert Reception

Note: Some rooms may be cool. Remember to dress in layers.

Lunch

Kosher box lunches from Hen House Deli
are available.

Free Child Care

- Available for children 3 months to 8 years
- No food or drink, including bottles, allowed in room
- For information, availability and reservations, contact Gail Odgers, 327-8002 or gailo@jewishkc.org. Deadline to request is 8/24.
- Kids meals may be purchased. Request by 8/22 on reservation form.

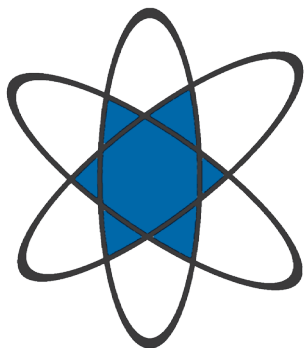
Fees

- Registration **\$20 per person**
(Classes, breakfast, deli lunch, and dessert reception)
- Classes only **\$12 per person**
(Without lunch)

See **REGISTRATION FORM** to sign up for classes, lunch, and child care.

Day of DISCOVERY

Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City
5801 W. 115 Street, Suite 201
Overland Park, KS 66211



SESSION I 9:30-10:45 am

1 High Holiday Liturgy: How We Connect (or Don't) Emotionally Through the Hineni Prayer

Doug Alpert, Spiritual Leader, Congregation Kol Ami

The workshop will explore the potential emotional impact of the Hineni prayer on our overall prayer experience. We will look at how different movements approach prayer, and if these different approaches change its impact.

2 Jewish Genealogy 101: An Introduction to Genealogy and Jewish Genealogy

Steven B. Chernoff, Ph.D., Professional Genealogist

This mini-course in Jewish Genealogy will provide instruction to help the attendee get started with Jewish genealogical research, while highlighting the challenges, disadvantages and advantages for Jewish genealogists.

3 Why Jews and Muslims Should Dialogue

Rabbi Alan Cohen, Congregation Beth Shalom

While the current political atmosphere among Jewish and Muslim communities is not good, there have been many periods when the two communities flourished - together. Let's look at some of these times, explore why it is important to restore that spirit, and how to do so.

4 Connect with Our Soul, Connect with Ourselves

Rabbi Binyomin Davis, KC Kollel

In our busy lives, we can forget that we also have a spiritual side. Let's understand the concept of a Jewish soul and how we can connect more closely to it. Doing so can uplift our whole existence.

5 L'Chaim: A Resilient and Vibrant Life

Bob Gast, Jewish Educator and Director of KESHER KI, Kehilath Israel Synagogue

What can Judaism teach us about creating a resilient and vibrant life? Together, we will explore physical and spiritual well-being and their interconnectedness. The emphasis will be on understanding and appreciating what Judaism offers to deal with the most intimate aspects of our lives.

6 Ayeka – Listening to My Soul at High Holy Days

Edna Levy, Coach & Ayeka Coordinator, Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City

Ayeka is a program of adult workshops for the soul. In this "taste" of an Ayeka session, participants will explore a Jewish text, then have an opportunity for self-reflection, as well as confidential sharing. No judgment. Just a safe space to explore.

7 Shabbat and Shiva: Life and Death for Jews

Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, Community Chaplain, Jewish Family Services

This session will consider the DO-ing of Shabbat, according to the Torah, and the BE-ing of Shiva, according to Jewish tradition. We will encourage participants' perspectives with regard to both Shabbat and Shiva.

8 Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965

Linda Sweenie, Music Director, Congregation Beth Torah

This workshop will be an introduction to the composers and material that will be presented in the traveling exhibit titled *A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965*. This includes music from early tin-pan alley, through the great Jewish Broadway and screen composers.

9 Kashrut Uncovered

Rabbi Yehudah Sokoloff, KC Kollel

We will discuss the philosophy behind the laws of Kashrut and answer legal questions on kitchen kashrut.

10 How your Advocacy can make a Difference for Israel

Marvin Szneler, Executive Director of Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee

We will discuss many types of pro-Israel advocacy and how we can each EASILY participate in helping Israeli Jews face the challenges of public relations, boycotts, divestments, and sanctions.

SESSION II 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

1 Jewish Genealogy 201: Intermediate Jewish Genealogy

Steven B. Chernoff, Ph.D., Professional Genealogist

This mini-course in Jewish Genealogy will provide an in-depth look at where to find valuable information about your Jewish ancestors. Some knowledge of genealogy will be helpful, but the Session I introduction course is not a prerequisite.

2 Ethical Choices in Doing the Right or Wrong Thing During the Holocaust

Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn, Temple Israel and Dr. Andrew Bergerson, UMKC Professor of History with focus on Third Reich and Holocaust

We will compare and contrast the research and results of Dr. Bergerson's new book, *The Happy Burden of History*, with the book, *They Were Just People*, written by Rabbi Cukierkorn and Bill Tammeus. One book deals with perpetrators and the other with rescuers.

3 Making Shabbat and Holidays Fun and Easy for All Ages

Alan Edelman, Associate Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City

This session will explore the meaning of sacred time in Judaism and how it can engage the individual in Jewish life and living.

4 The Gift That You Are – Understanding Yourself

Esther Friedman, Co-Director, Chabad Lubavitch Torah Learning Center and Certified Temperament Professional

In this workshop, we will explore the gift that you are. Each one of us is born with a certain temperament, which is directly related to how we live and interact with others. We will learn about the different temperaments based on Kabbalah and Temperament Theory to have a better understanding of ourselves and others.

5 Biblical Citations in Jewish Prayer

Rabbi Mark Levin, Congregation Beth Torah

Siddur prayers are largely comprised of biblical quotations. Those citations tell the real story of the author's intent. We'll discuss why that is the case and how the citations create meaning in Adon Olam and L'cha Dodi.

6 What makes the Jewish Calendar Tick?

Rabbi Herbert Mandl, Kehilath Israel Synagogue

This workshop will provide an overview of how the Jewish calendar functions, including why timing of our holidays varies.

7 Is Israel a Challenge or Source of Pride?

Lilach Nissim, Israel Emissary of Greater Kansas City

We will try to define contemporary Jewish identity and priorities and how they respond to challenges in the Jewish world. We will discuss the place of Israel in that definition. What is its importance?

8 Understanding Traditions and Customs in the Orthodox World

Rabbi Daniel Rockoff, Congregation Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner and Dr. Ayala Zoltan Rockoff, School Psychologist and Jewish Educator

Why do Orthodox Jews do what they do? Do you have questions about Orthodox customs and traditions, but never felt comfortable asking? This session is an opportunity to learn, discuss and ask questions about the laws, traditions and customs in Orthodox Judaism.

9 Black Magic—Real or Hoax?

Rabbi Elchanan Schulgasser, KC Kollel

Does Judaism believe in black magic? We will have a discussion based upon classic Torah, Tanach/Talmudic and Midrashic sources.

10 White Nationalism and Anti-Semitism in the Midwest-Great Plains

Leonard Zeskind, Author, Speaker and Community Activist

This session will enable participants to understand the white nationalist movement as a whole, its current composition in the Midwest, and the movement's prospects over the next generation. The role of anti-Semitism within white nationalism will be emphasized.

SESSION III 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

1 How to Be a Better Jewish Traveler

Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn, Temple Israel

Judaism has influenced, and been influenced by, a wide range of exotic and local locations. This session will use examples from near and far to show how to use tourism to discover more about your Jewish tradition.

2 Learning to Cook Like Bubbe if Bubbe Had Been a Vegetarian

Ray Davidson, Community Volunteer and Educator

This program is designed to recreate memories of the foods that our Bubbles made in a manner that is modern, up-to-date, and vegetarian. The group decides on an item from the past and Ray Davidson revamps it to a vegetarian version.

3 The Aleph Beit: It's Not Just For Kids

Rabbi Ben Zion Friedman, Torah Learning Center

Once we've mastered our ability to read Hebrew, we seldom reflect upon the letters we learned as children. Let's discover the secret lessons of the Aleph Beit.

4 Jewish Music as Commentary on Liturgy and Sacred Texts

Hazzan Rob Menes, Congregation Beth Shalom

Music is an essential part of Jewish prayer and is required for a public reading of the Torah, Haftorot and Megillot. It not only elevates the text, it also adds a layer of interpretation to them. Using audio examples, this session will explore specific ways in which music alters the meaning of the texts in significant, and sometimes startling, ways.

5 Pilgrimage: Where are you going?

Aaron Nielsenshultz, Educator, Congregation Beth Torah and Para-Rabbinic for Temple Adath Joseph in St. Joseph, Missouri

In this class, we'll explore the role pilgrimages have played in Judaism. We'll look at source materials for the three Pilgrimage festivals, both historic and rabbinic, and examine modern Jewish pilgrimages.

6 Jewish Feminism – A Modern Perspective

Lilach Nissim, Israel Emissary of Greater Kansas City

We will learn the stories of modern women leaders and ask ourselves how Jewish feminism has evolved. What can we learn about contemporary feminism from these examples? Are we really going forward?

7 Nurturing Nature: Jewish Perspectives on Caring for the Earth

Rabbi Moti Rieber, Coordinator of Kansas Interfaith Power & Light

This session will explore a selection of perspectives on nature and the natural world as seen through Jewish text and tradition. We'll conclude with a discussion of ways we can put our religiously-based environmental awareness into effect in our lives and our communities.

8 How Should We Pray

Rabbi Alex Shuval-Weiner, The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah, and Rabbi Scott White, Congregation Ohev Shalom

Join the fray as Rabbis Shuval-Weiner and White debate the comparative merits of two different types of Jewish Prayer: "spontaneous/creative" (Kavanah) and "standard liturgy/fixed times" (Kevah).

9 The Holocaust: From Persecution to Annihilation

Fran Sternberg, Director of University Programs and Adult Education, Midwest Center for Holocaust Education

Using archival and personal photos, as well as maps and documents, this presentation traces the radicalization of German policy toward the Jews and the implementation of the genocidal process throughout 1933-1945.

10 The Tea Party Movement: Is it Good for the Jews?

Leonard Zeskind, Author, Speaker and Community Activist

Since its emergence, the Tea Party movement has grown from a group of angry but disorganized protesters into one of the most coherent political movements of our time. Given the disparate ideas animating the Tea Party, this session will focus on the Party's theories of the Constitution, the presence of Christian nationalism, and anti-democratic elements in its midst.

REGISTRATION FORM

Space is limited, and **advance registration is required!** All payment must be made no later than August 22; after August 22, registration fee is \$25 on a space-available basis. Mail in this form or register online at <http://tinyurl.com/dayofdiscovery2011>

Name (Person A) _____

Name (Person B) _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Day Phone (____) _____

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E-mail _____

CLASS REGISTRATION & SELECTION

____ # Participants @ \$20/person (lunch) or \$12/person (no lunch). Indicate **CLASS NUMBER** for each session for each person:

SESSION	Person A			Person B		
	I	II	III	I	II	III
1st choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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LUNCH

Indicate the number of Hen House Kosher Deli lunches.

Choose 1: Turkey, tuna, roasted veggie wrap, or green salad topped with turkey or tuna

Bread: Wheat or challah roll (only available with sandwich orders)

Meat/Veg	Person A		Person B	
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bread	_____	_____	_____	_____

All lunches include chips, pickle, cole slaw, potato salad, drink and dessert.

CHILD CARE

Need childcare for ____ # of children (3 mos.-8 yrs)

For Session: ____ I ____ II ____ III

Ages: _____

PAYMENT

TOTAL PAYMENT Enclosed: \$ _____
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